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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY, MONDAY, JULY 1, 1974

1. OPPONENTS OF DETENTE RAPPED IN PRESS. MONDAY'S PRESS GIVES STRAIGHT REPORT ON THE OREANDA TALKS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES. THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE TALKS IS NOT CHARACTERIZED. NUANCES ARE PROVIDED BY THE SELECTION OF REMARKS BY AMERICAN NEWSMEN AS REPORTED IN A BY-LINED REOUNDUP IN PRAVDA. JOSEPH NORTH OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNIST PARTY DAILY WORLD TOOK A DIG AT "CERTAIN HARD-HEADED CONGRESSMEN" WHO DELAY SOVIET-AMERICAN TRADE DEVELOPMENT AND RAISE ALL SORTS OF ARTIFICIAL OBSTACLES, THUS ACTING AGAINST THE INTERESTS

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OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. OSWALD JOHNSTON OF THE

WASHINGTON STAR-NEWS WAS CITED AS PREDICTING THAT POSITIVE TENDENCIES WILL PREVAIL OVER THE ACTIVITIES OF DETENTE OPPONENTS. THE WORLD MEDIA SURVEY IN TODAY'S SOVETSKAYA ROSSIYA NOTES THAT EVEN AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS THAT WERE DUBIOUS ABOUT THE THIRD SUMMIT ARE BECOMING WARMER IN THEIR EVALUATION. THE PARIS L'HUMANITE, PICKING UP A THEME INTRODUCED IN THE SOVIET PRESS YESTERDAY, ASSERTED THAT THE SOVIET LEADERS HAVE SHOWN THAT THEIR STRONGER TIES WITH THE U.S. ARE NOT AT THE EXPENSE OF THE INTERESTS OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

2. TV COVERAGE DECLINES. "VREMYA" LAST NIGHT FURTHER REDUCED COVERAGE OF THE SUMMIT -- TO THE FIRST 5 MINUTES -- AND ACTUAL REPORTING CONSISTED ONLY OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSIONS AT OREANDA (INCLUDING STRATEGIC WEAPONS LIMITATION) AND OF THE BREZHNEV DINNER IN HONOR OF THE PRESIDENT. TWO UPBEAT MAN-IN-THE-STREET INTERVIEWS CONCLUDED THE TRANSMISSION.

3. ANTI-AMERICANA ABSENT. NO MATERIAL CRITICAL OF AMERICA APPEARS IN TODAY'S PRESS, BUT THE BRIEF PRAVDA REPORT ON THE SLAYING OF MARTIN LUTHER KING'S MOTHER OMITS THE RACE OF THE GUNMAN.

4. NOVOSTI PLAYS PRESIDENT'S DINNER TOAST STRAIGHT. UNLIKE TASS AND THE DAILY PRESS, THE NOVOSTI DAILY REVIEW (IN ENGLISH) DID NOT TAKE LIBERTIES WITH DISPUTED PARTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S TOAST THURSDAY. IT REFERRED TO A BREZHNEV VISIT "NEXT YEAR" AND IT PRE-SERVED THE PRESIDENT'S REFERENCE TO THE "PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP" IN KEEPING AGREEMENTS. STOESEL

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